



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Conditions across the state early last week were hot and dry, with some relief seen in the latter part of the week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Western counties received some moisture and very sporadic precipitation events occurred in eastern counties. In the San Luis Valley, potato harvest is in full swing. Reporters also observed the San Luis Valley had several consecutive days with temperature lows below freezing. Maturity and harvest of other spring crops within the state are progressing well, with most tracking closely to the average. Reporters in eastern counties noted that prolonged dry conditions in some areas have delayed winter wheat planting and emergence as producers await precipitation. Soil moisture supplies declined again this week. Stored feed supplies were rated 2 percent short, 69 percent adequate, and 29 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 8 percent heavy, 68 percent average, and 24 percent light. Cattle death loss was 81 percent average and 19 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa				
3 rd cutting	89	82	87	87
4 th cutting	39	25	28	28
Corn				
Dented	95	88	99	97
Mature	41	22	56	48
Harvested	5	--	5	8
Corn Silage				
Harvested	78	53	73	80
Dry beans				
Cut	58	28	56	69
Harvested	26	10	29	40
Onions				
Harvested	65	53	57	61
Potatoes Inside San Luis Valley				
Harvested	35	20	32	38
Potatoes Outside San Luis Valley				
Harvested	86	73	73	86
Sorghum				
Turning color	92	86	92	87
Mature	34	19	45	34
Harvested	2	--	4	4
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	3	--	21	13
Spring wheat				
Harvested	80	71	99	89
Winter wheat				
Planted	55	36	54	52
Emerged	20	14	20	18

NA – not available
(--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	6.6	6.7	6.8	6.1
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	8	8	8	20
Short	32	29	41	30
Adequate	58	61	51	48
Surplus	2	2	--	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	7	6	8	28
Short	29	28	35	32
Adequate	63	65	57	39
Surplus	1	1	--	1

NA – not available
(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION				
	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa				
Very poor	--	--	--	8
Poor.....	2	2	5	12
Fair.....	19	19	26	30
Good	62	62	57	41
Excellent	17	17	12	9
Corn				
Very poor	1	1	--	13
Poor.....	3	3	3	10
Fair.....	23	22	24	27
Good	57	60	61	39
Excellent	16	14	12	11
Dry beans				
Very poor	--	1	--	6
Poor.....	2	2	1	8
Fair.....	29	28	35	41
Good	61	61	58	39
Excellent	8	8	6	6
Livestock				
Very poor	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	--	--	1	6
Fair.....	9	9	12	25
Good	78	78	76	58
Excellent	13	13	11	10
Pasture and range				
Very poor	3	3	1	22
Poor.....	6	6	17	21
Fair.....	29	29	26	25
Good	54	54	47	27
Excellent	8	8	9	5
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Very poor	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	4	NA
Fair.....	15	15	16	NA
Good	67	66	55	NA
Excellent	18	19	25	NA
Sorghum				
Very poor	--	--	--	16
Poor.....	5	5	10	19
Fair.....	30	30	28	37
Good	58	58	59	27
Excellent	7	7	3	1
Sugarbeets				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	1	1	5
Fair.....	15	14	8	23
Good	69	71	76	58
Excellent	15	14	15	14
Sunflowers				
Very poor	--	--	--	14
Poor.....	3	3	8	13
Fair.....	26	26	30	33
Good	63	63	49	34
Excellent	8	8	13	6
NA – not available				
(--) – zero				